

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) An apparatus comprising:
a key having a projection,
_____a photoconductor having a surface, the photoconductor provided and provided
with an-a first aperture that extends through said photoconductor and a second aperture
through which said projection extends, and also provided with electroconductive
material at least around edges of the aperture, and
a circuit board, wherein
an-said photoconductor is further provided with an electroconductive material at
least around the edges of said first aperture, which material is electroconductive
material induced on said surface of the photoconductor, which material and is
connectable to a ground plane in order to conduct electrostatic discharges through the
electroconductive material to the ground plane, and
said projection of said key is configured to press on said circuit board through said
second aperture.
2. (canceled)
3. (canceled)
4. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the electroconductive material induced on said surface of the photoconductor is integrated with the photoconductor as a layer of electroconductive material for conducting light in the photoconductor and for shielding the light source against electrostatic pulses.

5. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the electroconductive material is metal and is connectable to the ground plane through the electroconductive material.

6. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the electroconductive material is realized on the surface of the photoconductor by an electroconductive film, or by inducing chemically or electrochemically.

7. (currently amended) An apparatus for shielding a component against electrostatic discharge comprising a light emitting diode placed on a printed circuit board and a photoconductor layer for conducting light emitted by the light emitting diode, wherein the photoconductor layer includes electroconductive material, and that the electroconductive material is connectable to a ground plane in order to conduct electrostatic discharges from the photoconductor layer to the ground plane, further wherein the photoconductor layer is provided with an-a first aperture that extends through said photoconductor layer, the light emitting diode at least partly placed in the first aperture, inside the photoconductor layer, and the photoconductor layer also provided with an electroconductive material at least around the edges of the first aperture,

and further comprising a key having a projection extending through a second aperture provided on said photoconductor layer, said projection configured to press on said circuit board.

8. (canceled)

9. (canceled)

10. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the photoconductor layer has a surface and wherein the electroconductive material of the

photoconductor layer is integrated as a layer of electroconductive material for shielding components against electrostatic pulses and for conducting the light emitted by the light emitting diode in the photoconductor layer.

11. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the light emitting diode is placed on a printed circuit board, the photoconductor layer is placed on the component side of the circuit board, and the electroconductive material is placed on that side of the photoconductor layer that faces away from the circuit board and the electroconductive material is connectable to the ground plane of the circuit board.

12. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the electroconductive material is metal, and it is connected to the ground plane by electroconductive material.

13. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the electroconductive material is realized on the surface of the photoconductor layer by an electroconductive film, or by inducing chemically or electrochemically.

14. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 7, further comprising a circuit board and a keypad comprising said key, wherein the light emitting diode is on said circuit board and is configured to illuminate the keypad, and wherein the photoconductor layer is configured to conduct the light emitted by the light emitting diode to a said key of the keypad.

15. (canceled)

16. (canceled)

17. (previously presented) The method according to claim 21, wherein on the outermost surface of the photoconductor layer, facing away from the circuit board, there is integrated a layer of electroconductive material, which layer covers the whole surface of the photoconductor layer.
18. (previously presented) The method according to claim 17, wherein the electroconductive material is induced for shielding components of the circuit board against electrostatic pulses and for conducting the light emitted by the light emitting diode of the circuit board in the photoconductor layer.
19. (previously presented) The method according to claim 21, wherein the electroconductive material is metallized to the photoconductor layer and connected to the ground plane of the circuit board by electroconductive material.
20. (previously presented) The method according to claim 21, wherein the electroconductive material is realized in the photoconductor layer by an electroconductive film, or by inducing chemically or electrochemically.
21. (currently amended) A method comprising:
 - placing a light emitting diode on a printed circuit board,
 - arranging a photoconductor layer on a component side of the circuit board, the photoconductor layer provided with an—a first aperture that extends through said photoconductor layer and a second aperture through which a projection of a key extends,
 - providing electroconductive material at least around edges of the first aperture,
 - inducing an electroconductive material to the photoconductor layer, and
 - connecting the electroconductive material to a ground plane of the circuit board in order to conduct electrostatic discharges from the photoconductor layer to the ground plane of the circuit board, and

pressing on the circuit board by said projection of said key extending through said second aperture.

22. (currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

means for pressing having a projection depending therefrom,

means for providing a photoconductor having a surface, the photoconductor and provided with an ~~a~~ first aperture that extends through said means for providing a photoconductor and a second apparatus through which said projection extends, and also provided with electroconductive material at least around edges of the aperture, and a circuit board, and

means for providing an electroconductive material at least around the edges of said first aperture, which means are induced on said surface of the means for providing a photoconductor, which material is connectable to a ground plane in order to conduct electrostatic discharges through the means for providing an electroconductive material to the ground plane,

wherein said projection of said means for pressing is configured to press on said circuit board through said second aperture.